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Re: Application of Toru MATAMA
**IMAGE READING METHOD, IMAGE READING APPARATUS AND METHOD OF DISCRIMINATING
DEFECT OF IMAGE DATA**
Our Reference: Q58745

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including the specification, claims, executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, five (5) sheets of drawings, executed Assignment and PTO Form 1595.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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| Total Claims | 35 - 20 = | 15 x \$18 = | \$ 270.00 |
| Independent Claims | 3 - 3 = | 0 x \$78 = | \$ 000.00 |
| Base Filing Fee | (\$690.00) | | \$ 690.00 |
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Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$ 960.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$ 40.00 are attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

Japanese Patent Application

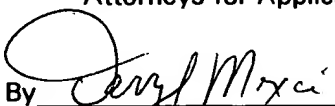
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The priority document will be submitted at a later date.

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